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## **REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: AUGUST 2006**

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in August. Overall, 27 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 16 states and the District of Columbia registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 37 states and the District of Columbia, up in 11 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The national unemployment rate was little changed in August at 4.7 percent, but was 0.2 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 35 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 14 states, and was unchanged in 1 (Pennsylvania). The largest employment increases were recorded in California (+36,900), Florida (+23,700), Texas (+22,600), and Michigan (+17,900). Kentucky posted the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.5 percent), followed by Alaska, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Wyoming (+0.4 percent each), and Arizona, Colorado, and Florida (+0.3 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Nebraska (-4,300), Oklahoma (-3,700), Alabama (-3,200), Minnesota (-2,500), Indiana (-2,200), and Rhode Island (-1,200). Nebraska experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decline in employment (-0.4 percent), followed by Alabama, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island (-0.2 percent each), and Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, and New Hampshire (-0.1 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 2 states (Louisiana and Michigan). The largest over-the-year percentage gains in employment were reported in Nevada (+5.3 percent), Arizona (+4.6 percent), and Idaho (+4.4 percent).

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The South and West registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions in August, 4.5 and 4.6 percent, respectively. The Midwest continued to report the highest jobless rate, 5.1 percent, followed by the Northeast, 4.8 percent. No region recorded a statistically significant unemployment rate change from July. In contrast, unemployment rates were down significantly over the year in the West (-0.5 percentage point), South (-0.3 point), and Midwest (-0.2 point), and unchanged in only the Northeast. (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the areas with the lowest August unemployment rates were the Mountain, 3.9 percent, and South Atlantic and West North Central divisions, 4.1 percent each. The East North Central and East South Central divisions recorded the highest rates, 5.5 and 5.4 percent, respectively. The East South Central and Mountain divisions registered the only statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate changes (-0.4 percentage point each). Four divisions reported significant unemployment

rate declines from a year earlier: the Mountain (-0.6 percentage point), Pacific and South Atlantic (-0.4 point each), and West South Central (-0.3 point). No division had a significant over-the-year jobless rate increase.

#### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Hawaii posted the lowest state unemployment rate in August, 2.8 percent. Eight other states had rates below 3.5 percent. At 3.6 percent, Arizona reported the lowest jobless rate in its series. (All state series begin in 1976.) Michigan and Mississippi recorded the highest unemployment rates, 7.1 percent each. Alaska and South Carolina had the next highest rates, 6.5 percent each. Twenty states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate in August. Ten states and the District of Columbia recorded measurably higher rates, and 20 states had rates that were little different statistically from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

In August, Arizona and Mississippi posted the largest unemployment rate declines from July (-1.1 percentage points and -0.9 point, respectively). Five additional states also recorded significant over-the-month rate decreases: Alaska (-0.5 percentage point), New York and Wisconsin (-0.4 point each), Nevada (-0.3 point), and Texas (-0.1 point). West Virginia registered the only statistically significant over-the-month jobless rate increase in August (+0.5 percentage point). The remaining 42 states and the District of Columbia had August unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, even though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as those with statistically significant changes.

Louisiana recorded the largest over-the-year jobless rate decrease from August 2005 (-2.2 percentage points). The states with the next largest decreases from a year earlier were Arizona (-1.2 percentage points) and Illinois (-1.0 point). Nineteen additional states and the District of Columbia had smaller, but also statistically significant, rate decreases. Four states reported significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier: New Jersey (+0.9 percentage point), West Virginia (+0.7 point), Rhode Island (+0.5 point), and Arkansas (+0.4 point). Twenty-four states recorded jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of August 2005. (See table B.)

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between July and August, six states reported statistically significant changes in employment, five of which were increases. The gains were in California (+36,900), Michigan (+17,900), Georgia (+17,000), Kentucky (+8,800), and Hawaii (+2,500). The employment loss was in Nebraska (-4,300). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, 33 states and the District of Columbia posted statistically significant changes in employment. All had gains in employment except for Louisiana (-175,300); that state was heavily impacted by Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005. The largest employment gains occurred in Florida (+243,300), Texas (+234,800), California (+192,000), and Arizona (+116,100). Six states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant gains in employment that were less than 15,000: Hawaii (+14,300), Montana (+14,000), the District of Columbia (+11,100), Wyoming (+11,000), South Dakota (+10,000), West Virginia (+7,600), and North Dakota (+5,500). (See table D.)

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for August is scheduled to be issued on September 27. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for September is scheduled to be issued on October 20.

### **Hurricane Katrina**

For August, BLS and its state partners continued to make modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the LAUS program to reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the labor force statistics in affected areas. These modifications included: (1) allowing the state labor force estimates for Louisiana to reflect the effects of Katrina by overriding the built-in feature of the methodology that smoothes over large shifts in a key input—nonfarm wage and salary employment; (2) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (3) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area or cities within those parishes where the quality of input data was severely compromised by the hurricane.

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for August 2006, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

**Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., August 2006, seasonally adjusted**

State	August 2006
United States .....	4.7
Alabama .....	3.5
Alaska .....	6.5
Arizona .....	3.6
Delaware .....	3.7
District of Columbia .....	5.8
Florida .....	3.3
Hawaii .....	2.8
Idaho .....	3.3
Iowa .....	3.6
Kentucky .....	5.8
Louisiana .....	3.4
Maryland .....	4.1
Michigan .....	7.1
Minnesota .....	3.7
Mississippi .....	7.1
Montana .....	3.5
Nebraska .....	3.3
Nevada .....	4.2
New Hampshire .....	3.5
North Dakota.....	3.5
Ohio .....	5.7
Oregon .....	5.5
Rhode Island .....	5.6
South Carolina .....	6.5
South Dakota .....	3.2
Tennessee .....	5.7
Utah .....	3.2
Vermont .....	3.7
Virginia .....	3.2
West Virginia .....	5.9
Wyoming .....	3.3

**Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from August 2005 to August 2006, seasonally adjusted**

State	August 2005	August 2006	Over-the-year rate change
Arizona .....	4.8	3.6	-1.2
Arkansas .....	4.9	5.3	.4
California .....	5.2	4.9	-.3
Connecticut .....	5.0	4.5	-.5
Delaware .....	4.2	3.7	-.5
District of Columbia ..	6.3	5.8	-.5
Florida .....	3.6	3.3	-.3
Georgia .....	5.3	4.6	-.7
Idaho .....	3.7	3.3	-.4
Illinois .....	5.7	4.7	-1.0
Iowa .....	4.5	3.6	-.9
Kansas .....	5.1	4.8	-.3
Louisiana .....	5.6	3.4	-2.2
Montana .....	4.0	3.5	-.5
Nebraska .....	3.8	3.3	-.5
New Jersey .....	4.4	5.3	.9
New Mexico .....	5.2	4.3	-.9
North Carolina .....	5.4	4.8	-.6
Oregon .....	6.2	5.5	-.7
Rhode Island .....	5.1	5.6	.5
South Dakota .....	3.8	3.2	-.6
Texas .....	5.3	5.1	-.2
Utah .....	4.1	3.2	-.9
Virginia .....	3.6	3.2	-.4
Washington .....	5.6	5.2	-.4
West Virginia .....	5.2	5.9	.7
Wyoming .....	3.9	3.3	-.6

**Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from July 2006 to August 2006, seasonally adjusted**

State	July 2006	August 2006 <sup>p</sup>	Over-the-month change <sup>p</sup>
California .....	14,989,400	15,026,300	36,900
Georgia .....	4,081,300	4,098,300	17,000
Hawaii .....	616,700	619,200	2,500
Kentucky .....	1,843,900	1,852,700	8,800
Michigan .....	4,343,900	4,361,800	17,900
Nebraska .....	955,800	951,500	-4,300

p = preliminary.

**Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from August 2005 to August 2006, seasonally adjusted**

State	August 2005	August 2006 <sup>p</sup>	Over-the-year change <sup>p</sup>
Alabama .....	1,948,900	1,979,000	30,100
Arizona .....	2,527,600	2,643,700	116,100
Arkansas .....	1,180,900	1,196,500	15,600
California .....	14,834,300	15,026,300	192,000
Colorado .....	2,228,800	2,282,600	53,800
District of Columbia .....	680,600	691,700	11,100
Florida .....	7,850,800	8,094,100	243,300
Georgia .....	4,018,600	4,098,300	79,700
Hawaii .....	604,900	619,200	14,300
Idaho .....	614,700	642,000	27,300
Illinois .....	5,870,800	5,951,300	80,500
Iowa .....	1,481,000	1,509,700	28,700
Louisiana .....	1,960,200	1,784,900	-175,300
Massachusetts .....	3,195,600	3,224,700	29,100
Minnesota .....	2,710,600	2,781,000	70,400
Montana .....	422,300	436,300	14,000
Nebraska .....	935,600	951,500	15,900
Nevada .....	1,230,500	1,296,000	65,500
New Mexico .....	810,900	835,700	24,800
New York .....	8,537,500	8,618,100	80,600
North Carolina .....	3,918,900	3,988,900	70,000
North Dakota .....	345,900	351,400	5,500
Oregon .....	1,665,200	1,718,800	53,600
Pennsylvania .....	5,711,100	5,758,800	47,700
South Carolina .....	1,859,300	1,911,600	52,300
South Dakota .....	390,800	400,800	10,000
Tennessee .....	2,747,000	2,780,000	33,000
Texas .....	9,760,000	9,994,800	234,800
Utah .....	1,157,300	1,205,900	48,600
Virginia .....	3,679,400	3,734,600	55,200
Washington .....	2,788,200	2,870,600	82,400
West Virginia .....	747,500	755,100	7,600
Wisconsin .....	2,835,400	2,868,500	33,100
Wyoming .....	263,900	274,900	11,000

p = preliminary.

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**Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,715.3	27,904.6	27,866.6	27,869.6	1,323.5	1,295.1	1,359.8	1,350.9	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.8
New England .....	7,559.0	7,596.5	7,601.1	7,610.9	352.6	343.5	346.8	352.4	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Middle Atlantic .....	20,156.3	20,308.1	20,265.5	20,258.8	970.9	951.6	1,013.0	998.5	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.9
<b>South</b> .....	53,037.2	53,620.9	53,725.2	53,801.9	2,569.3	2,419.3	2,494.5	2,439.5	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.5
South Atlantic .....	28,152.3	28,662.5	28,754.1	28,793.3	1,262.1	1,152.5	1,201.4	1,191.3	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.1
East South Central .....	8,402.8	8,485.6	8,497.9	8,514.4	464.2	457.3	492.8	459.9	5.5	5.4	5.8	5.4
West South Central .....	16,482.2	16,472.8	16,473.2	16,494.1	843.0	809.5	800.2	788.4	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.8
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,607.9	34,800.2	34,807.6	34,850.9	1,841.3	1,659.3	1,790.1	1,776.3	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.1
East North Central .....	23,733.8	23,900.2	23,898.8	23,918.4	1,365.9	1,229.5	1,345.5	1,323.3	5.8	5.1	5.6	5.5
West North Central .....	10,874.1	10,900.0	10,908.8	10,932.6	475.4	429.8	444.7	453.0	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.1
<b>West</b> .....	34,209.0	34,624.0	34,638.8	34,560.8	1,739.6	1,619.2	1,648.4	1,599.7	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.6
Mountain .....	10,339.4	10,654.8	10,637.8	10,696.3	470.3	436.0	462.1	421.4	4.5	4.1	4.3	3.9
Pacific .....	23,869.7	23,969.1	24,000.9	23,864.5	1,269.3	1,183.2	1,186.2	1,178.3	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9

<sup>1</sup> Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The States (including the District of Columbia) that compose the various census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central: Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and

Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

**Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	July		August		July		August		July		August	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>Northeast</b> .....	28,165.1	28,383.6	28,025.9	28,212.6	1,393.7	1,421.2	1,271.0	1,309.9	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.6
New England .....	7,679.0	7,742.7	7,661.4	7,723.8	364.6	357.1	338.9	341.9	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.4
Middle Atlantic .....	20,486.0	20,641.0	20,364.4	20,488.7	1,029.2	1,064.1	932.2	968.0	5.0	5.2	4.6	4.7
<b>South</b> .....	53,504.9	54,397.6	53,232.3	54,062.9	2,716.1	2,634.4	2,596.9	2,489.4	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.6
South Atlantic .....	28,409.4	29,123.0	28,290.3	28,965.6	1,343.4	1,270.1	1,284.3	1,226.7	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.2
East South Central .....	8,498.1	8,618.2	8,427.0	8,549.5	481.8	514.9	466.0	463.8	5.7	6.0	5.5	5.4
West South Central .....	16,597.4	16,656.3	16,515.0	16,547.8	890.8	849.5	846.5	798.9	5.4	5.1	5.1	4.8
<b>Midwest</b> .....	35,095.9	35,372.4	34,812.1	35,100.4	1,920.0	1,849.4	1,752.2	1,705.8	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.9
East North Central .....	24,062.3	24,287.7	23,895.3	24,109.7	1,430.0	1,402.8	1,305.1	1,274.8	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.3
West North Central .....	11,033.6	11,084.7	10,916.8	10,990.6	490.0	446.6	447.1	431.0	4.4	4.0	4.1	3.9
<b>West</b> .....	34,357.9	34,945.5	34,388.4	34,775.3	1,809.9	1,697.0	1,706.5	1,580.9	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.5
Mountain .....	10,355.5	10,727.5	10,390.6	10,758.0	488.2	469.7	463.8	416.9	4.7	4.4	4.5	3.9
Pacific .....	24,002.4	24,218.0	23,997.8	24,017.2	1,321.7	1,227.3	1,242.7	1,164.0	5.5	5.1	5.2	4.8

<sup>1</sup> Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The composition of the regions

and divisions is described in table 1. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

Table 3. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected area, seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Aug. 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Aug. 2006
Alabama .....	2,157.8	2,176.0	2,172.9	2,180.8	83.5	78.5	85.2	76.7	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.5
Alaska .....	339.7	345.5	347.1	346.1	22.7	22.9	24.4	22.4	6.7	6.6	7.0	6.5
Arizona .....	2,858.6	2,940.1	2,941.2	2,948.6	136.0	130.3	139.5	104.9	4.8	4.4	4.7	3.6
Arkansas .....	1,367.7	1,392.2	1,383.5	1,383.7	66.8	72.5	74.1	72.8	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.3
California .....	17,735.7	17,743.3	17,775.6	17,651.6	930.7	874.6	859.7	869.0	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup> .....	4,812.4	4,880.1	4,850.3	4,795.9	233.9	225.5	218.2	230.4	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.8
Colorado .....	2,551.4	2,630.4	2,621.1	2,643.7	127.6	117.7	123.8	127.7	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.8
Connecticut .....	1,821.3	1,834.8	1,838.3	1,846.8	91.4	75.0	79.9	83.5	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.5
Delaware .....	439.1	444.6	447.2	446.0	18.5	16.4	16.9	16.5	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.7
District of Columbia .....	295.9	295.0	290.3	290.2	18.5	15.9	16.6	17.0	6.3	5.4	5.7	5.8
Florida .....	8,686.6	8,922.8	8,950.6	8,963.4	312.6	269.9	292.2	296.4	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.3
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup> .....	1,115.3	1,143.6	1,139.2	1,136.2	46.8	41.1	42.8	44.7	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.9
Georgia .....	4,606.9	4,681.2	4,694.5	4,690.0	244.7	225.5	225.3	214.4	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.6
Hawaii .....	637.4	650.6	652.0	650.4	17.5	20.2	19.7	18.2	2.7	3.1	3.0	2.8
Idaho .....	741.9	757.5	756.5	759.8	27.6	26.7	27.5	25.3	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.3
Illinois .....	6,479.2	6,518.5	6,536.7	6,577.1	367.5	294.3	306.2	308.8	5.7	4.5	4.7	4.7
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup> .....	3,961.6	3,995.4	4,018.7	4,041.6	236.3	176.3	182.4	181.1	6.0	4.4	4.5	4.5
Indiana .....	3,214.7	3,256.7	3,251.7	3,241.0	177.1	168.7	185.6	172.3	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.3
Iowa .....	1,663.8	1,676.6	1,679.2	1,684.2	75.3	61.0	64.5	61.1	4.5	3.6	3.8	3.6
Kansas .....	1,477.1	1,477.4	1,476.8	1,478.5	75.1	67.3	70.5	71.1	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.8
Kentucky .....	2,004.4	2,014.6	2,024.8	2,026.0	123.9	117.8	126.6	117.1	6.2	5.8	6.3	5.8
Louisiana .....	2,124.2	1,871.2	1,851.4	1,847.2	119.8	86.3	52.9	63.5	5.6	4.6	2.9	3.4
Maine .....	714.8	714.8	713.4	718.3	35.6	33.2	34.2	34.1	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.7
Maryland .....	2,947.3	2,986.4	3,004.8	3,001.6	123.8	118.9	129.3	123.3	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.1
Massachusetts .....	3,363.7	3,370.1	3,367.9	3,370.9	159.0	167.7	159.2	163.5	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.9
Michigan .....	5,093.4	5,114.7	5,095.5	5,086.0	340.7	320.6	356.2	359.9	6.7	6.3	7.0	7.1
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup> .....	2,192.9	2,170.5	2,167.5	2,165.4	155.9	143.4	159.4	155.3	7.1	6.6	7.4	7.2
Minnesota .....	2,939.2	2,936.5	2,942.6	2,944.5	114.0	105.6	113.1	109.3	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.7
Mississippi .....	1,358.0	1,313.5	1,313.8	1,311.3	100.4	92.9	104.9	92.9	7.4	7.1	8.0	7.1
Missouri .....	3,018.9	3,029.7	3,035.3	3,052.4	153.3	141.4	141.2	154.6	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.1
Montana .....	495.1	499.3	499.6	501.9	19.6	17.7	18.9	17.8	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.5
Nebraska .....	984.5	985.9	981.7	982.2	36.9	30.2	31.8	32.8	3.8	3.1	3.2	3.3
Nevada .....	1,219.9	1,271.7	1,269.4	1,285.2	49.1	53.3	56.6	53.6	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.2
New Hampshire .....	733.3	738.8	740.9	739.5	26.5	24.5	26.4	25.5	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.5
New Jersey .....	4,444.7	4,466.7	4,474.1	4,493.8	196.8	218.5	227.3	236.1	4.4	4.9	5.1	5.3
New Mexico .....	937.2	952.3	947.6	951.2	48.7	38.8	41.8	40.6	5.2	4.1	4.4	4.3
New York .....	9,422.7	9,544.5	9,500.4	9,476.5	463.8	442.2	482.9	446.9	4.9	4.6	5.1	4.7
New York City .....	3,735.2	3,788.6	3,778.8	3,760.4	207.9	191.9	214.8	190.1	5.6	5.1	5.7	5.1
North Carolina .....	4,349.0	4,394.2	4,429.5	4,443.8	234.9	200.2	214.0	213.4	5.4	4.6	4.8	4.8
North Dakota .....	359.4	363.8	362.7	362.4	12.2	12.6	12.5	12.6	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5
Ohio .....	5,907.2	5,924.0	5,937.3	5,936.2	350.4	302.2	344.0	341.1	5.9	5.1	5.8	5.7
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup> .....	1,093.3	1,097.6	1,095.9	1,099.3	61.9	52.5	58.7	62.0	5.7	4.8	5.4	5.6
Oklahoma .....	1,746.8	1,760.9	1,756.5	1,758.4	76.9	68.1	69.9	73.1	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.2
Oregon .....	1,863.0	1,885.6	1,886.2	1,887.1	115.6	102.7	104.8	103.5	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.5
Pennsylvania .....	6,290.9	6,305.4	6,284.3	6,285.2	310.6	294.1	300.6	308.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.9
Rhode Island .....	571.1	579.8	580.6	576.8	28.9	31.9	32.5	32.4	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.6
South Carolina .....	2,086.4	2,120.1	2,109.5	2,118.6	143.8	141.8	130.2	138.2	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.5
South Dakota .....	432.6	431.7	432.4	434.1	16.3	12.8	13.7	13.7	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.2
Tennessee .....	2,909.3	2,981.8	2,986.5	2,994.7	162.1	166.3	175.5	171.4	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.7
Texas .....	11,253.3	11,442.8	11,467.5	11,503.5	593.3	579.2	600.6	583.0	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.1
Utah .....	1,271.1	1,308.7	1,307.5	1,314.7	51.7	40.0	44.0	42.5	4.1	3.1	3.4	3.2
Vermont .....	356.4	361.9	363.0	364.2	12.5	12.0	12.7	13.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.7
Virginia .....	3,949.9	3,994.0	4,001.6	4,001.1	140.9	124.4	129.2	127.3	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.2
Washington .....	3,303.8	3,348.0	3,337.0	3,328.1	183.4	169.6	175.5	172.8	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.2
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup> .....	1,369.7	1,430.2	1,414.4	1,414.1	66.5	61.1	59.6	58.7	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.2
West Virginia .....	804.3	815.0	819.2	821.6	41.9	39.6	43.9	48.4	5.2	4.9	5.4	5.9
Wisconsin .....	3,042.3	3,086.7	3,080.5	3,074.2	143.7	145.7	154.4	141.7	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.6
Wyoming .....	286.2	290.8	288.0	291.2	11.1	9.7	8.7	9.5	3.9	3.3	3.0	3.3
Puerto Rico .....	1,433.7	-	-	-	156.9	-	-	-	10.9	-	-	-

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**Table 4. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected area, not seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	July		August		July		August		July		August	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Alabama .....	2,168.2	2,196.0	2,159.3	2,191.6	91.0	93.4	90.2	84.4	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.9
Alaska .....	348.8	357.5	345.3	351.9	20.7	22.6	20.1	19.4	5.9	6.3	5.8	5.5
Arizona .....	2,840.1	2,952.9	2,854.6	2,953.4	146.5	148.5	143.1	111.7	5.2	5.0	5.0	3.8
Arkansas .....	1,387.1	1,408.0	1,373.4	1,391.2	72.0	80.3	62.7	70.1	5.2	5.7	4.6	5.0
California .....	17,807.0	17,921.3	17,825.2	17,768.0	993.8	914.4	920.2	863.1	5.6	5.1	5.2	4.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup> .....	4,832.8	4,882.1	4,823.1	4,811.4	272.7	247.3	245.3	243.2	5.6	5.1	5.1	5.1
Colorado .....	2,557.8	2,650.2	2,567.2	2,668.0	129.9	123.5	121.5	123.2	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.6
Connecticut .....	1,855.2	1,877.8	1,844.8	1,870.9	96.6	87.2	89.5	83.1	5.2	4.6	4.9	4.4
Delaware .....	443.2	452.7	441.3	449.1	19.5	17.7	18.7	17.0	4.4	3.9	4.2	3.8
District of Columbia .....	305.4	301.9	299.8	295.7	19.6	19.2	18.4	18.0	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.1
Florida .....	8,790.9	9,034.2	8,726.7	9,021.5	342.0	317.6	328.6	320.6	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.6
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup> .....	1,125.8	1,149.3	1,125.3	1,148.5	51.2	45.2	49.0	49.5	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.3
Georgia .....	4,622.9	4,725.8	4,608.1	4,701.0	260.3	240.0	244.8	218.5	5.6	5.1	5.3	4.6
Hawaii .....	641.0	659.4	637.4	651.5	19.5	21.7	17.7	18.3	3.0	3.3	2.8	2.8
Idaho .....	744.1	766.4	744.3	764.5	25.5	24.6	24.7	22.5	3.4	3.2	3.3	2.9
Illinois .....	6,558.5	6,635.8	6,504.7	6,615.4	388.4	319.7	357.8	305.8	5.9	4.8	5.5	4.6
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup> .....	4,029.7	4,081.0	3,971.1	4,051.1	258.5	189.7	229.6	178.0	6.4	4.6	5.8	4.4
Indiana .....	3,253.0	3,297.7	3,230.5	3,259.7	172.0	182.9	171.1	169.0	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.2
Iowa .....	1,681.4	1,700.5	1,663.7	1,685.9	68.1	57.0	68.2	55.6	4.0	3.4	4.1	3.3
Kansas .....	1,500.1	1,503.9	1,475.5	1,478.0	80.1	75.6	73.9	71.5	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.8
Kentucky .....	2,024.0	2,054.5	2,001.8	2,033.6	124.5	127.9	115.1	111.1	6.2	6.2	5.7	5.5
Louisiana .....	2,158.9	1,894.1	2,134.2	1,860.2	134.8	66.9	124.0	69.9	6.2	3.5	5.8	3.8
Maine .....	731.8	732.6	731.1	735.3	33.3	32.6	30.0	29.0	4.5	4.4	4.1	3.9
Maryland .....	2,998.3	3,068.5	2,969.2	3,028.7	132.1	139.6	122.0	123.2	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.1
Massachusetts .....	3,410.6	3,422.5	3,404.4	3,415.9	166.8	165.9	154.6	161.0	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.7
Michigan .....	5,171.0	5,184.8	5,128.2	5,128.8	379.5	399.0	315.3	341.7	7.3	7.7	6.1	6.7
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup> .....	2,222.0	2,203.5	2,214.7	2,193.8	172.4	177.4	154.9	154.6	7.8	8.1	7.0	7.0
Minnesota .....	2,972.4	2,983.7	2,962.2	2,970.2	105.5	107.4	102.2	98.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.3
Mississippi .....	1,368.7	1,336.1	1,352.6	1,311.5	100.8	111.6	100.6	94.5	7.4	8.3	7.4	7.2
Missouri .....	3,064.6	3,079.0	3,020.5	3,058.1	168.1	146.8	143.1	149.8	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.9
Montana .....	501.2	510.2	502.2	510.7	17.6	16.5	16.6	14.9	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.9
Nebraska .....	1,002.6	999.9	986.5	985.1	40.0	34.3	33.6	30.6	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.1
Nevada .....	1,215.3	1,277.2	1,219.5	1,289.0	51.7	58.4	47.8	52.3	4.3	4.6	3.9	4.1
New Hampshire .....	744.7	754.6	743.1	750.0	25.9	26.0	26.0	25.3	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4
New Jersey .....	4,502.2	4,551.2	4,475.3	4,531.5	215.0	248.7	188.5	230.7	4.8	5.5	4.2	5.1
New Mexico .....	940.2	959.7	936.3	952.5	53.5	46.2	47.3	39.9	5.7	4.8	5.1	4.2
New York .....	9,584.7	9,685.5	9,531.3	9,594.8	489.8	502.3	446.5	435.0	5.1	5.2	4.7	4.5
New York City .....	3,773.4	3,826.1	3,751.9	3,780.5	225.8	229.9	206.7	191.3	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.1
North Carolina .....	4,382.4	4,493.3	4,363.3	4,473.1	247.5	227.6	228.0	211.4	5.6	5.1	5.2	4.7
North Dakota .....	369.9	373.7	369.4	372.1	12.0	11.9	11.2	11.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.2
Ohio .....	5,989.8	6,038.8	5,964.5	6,004.0	347.4	349.3	328.6	326.7	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.4
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup> .....	1,120.6	1,122.5	1,113.3	1,118.1	63.7	60.3	61.0	62.0	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.5
Oklahoma .....	1,756.6	1,774.8	1,743.4	1,757.8	74.0	67.7	72.2	70.2	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.0
Oregon .....	1,881.0	1,908.6	1,881.2	1,908.7	114.0	101.9	110.5	98.7	6.1	5.3	5.9	5.2
Pennsylvania .....	6,399.1	6,404.2	6,357.9	6,362.5	324.4	313.1	297.2	302.3	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.8
Rhode Island .....	576.5	587.0	577.5	583.2	30.6	33.6	28.5	32.1	5.3	5.7	4.9	5.5
South Carolina .....	2,111.2	2,145.9	2,101.6	2,139.3	142.3	133.3	144.5	142.1	6.7	6.2	6.9	6.6
South Dakota .....	442.7	444.0	439.1	441.2	16.2	13.5	14.9	12.7	3.7	3.0	3.4	2.9
Tennessee .....	2,937.3	3,031.7	2,913.2	3,012.8	165.5	182.1	160.2	173.7	5.6	6.0	5.5	5.8
Texas .....	11,294.8	11,579.5	11,264.0	11,538.7	610.1	634.5	587.6	588.7	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.1
Utah .....	1,267.6	1,317.1	1,277.9	1,325.3	53.9	44.8	53.7	44.8	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.4
Vermont .....	360.1	368.2	360.6	368.7	11.4	11.9	10.3	11.5	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.1
Virginia .....	3,997.2	4,065.6	3,972.4	4,030.2	140.3	132.8	140.6	129.2	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.2
Washington .....	3,324.5	3,371.1	3,308.6	3,337.2	173.6	166.7	174.2	164.5	5.2	4.9	5.3	4.9
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup> .....	1,370.2	1,419.4	1,366.4	1,411.6	64.0	57.7	60.7	55.4	4.7	4.1	4.4	3.9
West Virginia .....	817.8	835.0	807.9	827.1	39.9	42.4	38.7	46.6	4.9	5.1	4.8	5.6
Wisconsin .....	3,090.0	3,130.6	3,067.4	3,101.8	142.7	152.0	132.4	131.6	4.6	4.9	4.3	4.2
Wyoming .....	289.2	293.9	288.6	294.6	9.7	7.2	9.0	7.5	3.4	2.4	3.1	2.6
Puerto Rico .....	1,421.3	-	1,428.4	-	169.6	-	160.3	-	11.9	-	11.2	-

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